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EARTHQUAKE IN GUATEMALA; THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS

GUARD CHANGE UP TO LOCAL U.S. COMMAND

Washington Report Says Nothing Done There on Shake-up in Militia Circles; Department Head Has Wide Powers in War-Time

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22 (Delayed).—Gen. Carter, chief of staff of the militia bureau, says that his office is doing nothing whatever with the National Guard of Hawaii.

He says that if there is any shake-up it is coming from the division commander there. He says that under the war department rulings, the division commander has wide power in war-times.
C. S. ALBERT.

The wireless from Col. Albert, the Star-Bulletin's Washington correspondent, was in reference to a report that a substantial shake-up might be effected in the national guard here, following reports on guard conditions, which eventually would reach the bureau of military affairs. Correspondent Albert's wireless has apparently been held up somewhere ever since Dec. 22, but it does not appear that there has been any change from the situation as he outlined it—that is, any initiative for a change would be in the hands of the Hawaiian department commander.

Railroads Now Under Uncle Sam

Great Lines Pledge Assistance and "War Board" Will Continue Operation

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The following prominent railroad executives have been selected by the administration to carry out the unification of the railroads under government control:

Julius Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific; Samuel Rea of the Pennsylvania; Fairfax Harrison, Rock Island; Howard Elliott, Northern Pacific; and Hale Holden of the Burlington.

The government has requisitioned the electric power plants at Niagara Falls to meet the needs of war manufacturing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—At noon today the United States government formally took control of the railroads of the country. No ceremony attached to the transfer from private to public operation.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, the director general of the roads now, conferred with Judge R. S. Lovett of the railroad war board, whose members have pledged staunch support to the government in carrying out its policy.

It is announced that the railroad war board will continue as the operating body. Committees of skilled railroad men throughout the country will assist. No further orders or details of the plan to be followed will be decided until the situation has been surveyed.

Order No. 1, Government Railroad Service, was signed by Director General McAdoo today at 12 o'clock. The signing of this order began the government control and administration of every railroad line in the continental United States doing a general transportation business.

Order No. 1 wipes out all competitive conditions and provides for a complete pooling of all railroad traffic equipment and truckage facilities of the railroads. It announces the retention for the present of all present officers and employees of the various lines and will urge these government employees to maintain their present high standards in order that the war work of the country may proceed and be speeded up.

The immediate result of the elimination of competition will be in the re-routing of all traffic over the shortest lines regardless of points of origin. Everything will be subordinated to handling all traffic, freight and passengers in the most expeditious and economical way for the common good of the nation. Speedy movement of freight will be the first consideration and the aim of the director general and his assistants of the railway war board.

LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

SAYS PACKERS STIFLE RETAIL COMPETITION
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—John Glennie, a witness today before the federal trade board investigating the meat situation, said that the big packers are engaged in the retail business in various cities and are stifling competition. He designated the Mohican Company of New England as one of those to which he referred.

BAKER SAYS ARMY SUPPLIES SITUATION IMPROVED.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Secretary of War Baker today addressed a statement to the senate war investigation board, declaring that the situation as regards clothing supplies for the army, and munitions and equipment, shows improvement. He promised an early report. Major-Generals Wright and Greble, commanders of Camp Doniphan, Okla., and Bowie, Tex., testified today before the committee.

WAR BREAKS OUT AFRESH IN CHINESE SOCIETY
Factional fighting broke out afresh in the United Chinese Society today with the filing of a suit for injunction by one membership unit against a faction headed by Chu Gem. The injunction seeks to restrain the respondents from holding a meeting tomorrow for the purpose of electing officers, it being alleged that defendants intend to take over the society headquarters and its books and records. One phase of the factional fight, having to do with an alleged illegal election, is pending in the supreme court.

REPORT THAT PLANTERS OUSTED RODIEK IS DENIED
Reports current in downtown circles today had it that Georg Rodiek, vice-president of Hackfeld, who pleaded guilty in connection with the Hindu conspiracy, had been ousted from the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' association, or that some action to that end had been launched or taken by the association, either as a whole or by individual members. E. D. Tenney, president of the association, when asked if such were the case, said he knew of no movement either to expel Rodiek or secure his resignation.

Rodiek is not a trustee of the association and the bylaws do not provide for the expulsion of a member. The only way in which his resignation as a member could be secured, it is said, is for the members as individuals to make known to him that his association was repugnant.

CITY "EFFICIENCY PLAN" IS LAUNCHED; CENTRALIZING ORDINANCE IS CALLED FOR

Supervisor Mott-Smith Requests Attorney's Office to Draft Measure—Puts Parks and Playgrounds Under Engineer With Other Public Works

Supervisor E. A. Mott-Smith today gave the city efficiency plan of municipal public works a new impetus by a proposal calling on the city attorney's office for the drafting of an ordinance covering the plan.

He has been working along the lines of centralizing authority and co-ordinating management for several months and has in mind a scheme which he believes will be simple and workable, and which, he feels, should have the support of his colleagues of the board who stand for real efficiency in the city government.

His letter to the city attorney today briefly outlines the plan, the significant feature of which at the present time is that he proposes including the parks and playgrounds management under the office of city and county engineer.

This feature, it is freely predicted, will cause lively discussion on the board. Chairman Hollinger of the parks and playgrounds committee insists that it is not feasible to include this civic function under the engineer's office. On the other hand, Hollinger has indicated that he supports the Mott-Smith plan in general.

The letter calling on the city attorney for the ordinance is as follows: "I have undertaken to submit for the consideration of the board of supervisors a proposal in the form of an ordinance to combine under the office of city and county engineer, in addition to the present activities of that office, the functions of the sewer and water works department, of the garbage and street sweeping departments (combined), of parks, playgrounds, schools and public buildings, building inspector and plumbing inspector, making the same sub-department under the control and supervision of the city and county engineer. Will you kindly cause an ordinance to be drawn covering the above, informing me if there are any legal or technical difficulties in the way of accomplishing this object and how such legal or technical difficulties may be met and disposed of, if possible.

"The object of the ordinance would be to combine that portion of the activities of the municipality which are, or are in the nature of, public works under one head, leaving as other departments of the municipality the fire department, electric light department, police department and health department in addition to the attorney's, auditor's, treasurer's, clerk's and other departments which are already well defined."

1000 BURIED BY SNOWSLIDE

(Special Cable to Star-Bulletin)
TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 28.—More than 1000 passengers have been buried under a snow slide in the district of Hokuriku in Northern Japan. Heavy snow has been falling for days and every train in this section is snowbound.

Many lives have been lost and much damage has been done to property.

WIFE OF ALIEN NOT IN SAME CLASS AS SPOUSE; IS ALLOWED TO TRAVEL

America is not making war on women and children of enemy countries residing within its borders.

This was exemplified today when an American woman, married to a German alien, was told that she might leave Hawaii and go to the mainland without securing a travel permit from the President of the United States or a special permit from the office of the United States attorney.

Although a woman, upon marrying, assumes the nationality of her husband, the women and children of alien enemies are not being molested by Uncle Sam in this war, declares U. S. Attorney S. C. Huber. The woman in this particular case was born in Boston and has lived on one of the other islands for several years.

Rails Jump As Gov't Controls

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

	Today.	Mon.-day.
Alaska Gold	134	2
American Smelter	76	71 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	93	92 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	105	101 3/4
Anaconda Copper	58 1/2	56 1/2
Atchafalpa	85 1/2	78 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	53	56 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	53	48 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	73 1/2	71 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	11	11
Canadian Pacific	138	132 1/2
C. & M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	46 1/2	37 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	35 1/2	33 1/2
Crucible Steel	52 1/2	50 1/2
Cuban Cane	26 1/2	27
Erle Common	17	14
General Electric	128	124 1/2
General Motors, New	87 1/2	86
Great Northern Pfd.	91	81 1/2
Inter. Harv., N. Y.	117 1/2	105 1/2
Kennecott Copper	58 1/2	54
Lehigh R. R.	71 1/2	62 1/2
New York Central	47	23 1/2
Pennsylvania	217	203 1/2
Ray Consol.	27	20 1/2
Reading Common	72 1/2	68 1/2
Southern Pacific	84 1/2	78 1/2
Studebaker	45 1/2	44 1/2
Texas Oil	134 1/2	129
Union Pacific	114	104 1/2
U. S. Steel	88	85 1/2
Utah	78 1/2	75 1/2
Western Union	82	80 1/2
Westinghouse	38 1/2	37

*Bld. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.
*Evidently an error as previous quotation was 42.

MISS HEUER'S RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED

W. R. Farrington in Personal Statement Says Result Was Never in Doubt But Problem Had to Be Solved to Avoid Legal Entanglement and Bring Resignation in Natural Order of College Administration

The resignation of Fraulein Marie Heuer as assistant professor of modern languages at the College of Hawaii was accepted by the board of regents at a special meeting held this forenoon.

It is believed that a substitute to complete the work of the year can be obtained before the college classes resume work on Jan. 7.

Miss Heuer has made no claim for salary for the last half of the college year.

The regents as a body gave out no other statement than the formal action.

W. R. Farrington, who is chairman of the board of regents, stated that he was not delegated to express the views of the regents in any other form than was expressed in the vote of the board, which was unanimous and concurred in by the president. Speaking for himself on the situation, he said:

"There has never been any question as to the retirement of Fraulein Heuer from the teaching staff of the College of Hawaii since her response to the questionnaire sent out by the president of the institution.

"The only real problem has been the manner of her withdrawal; whether it should be forced and thus make a German woman the center of a German persecution propaganda or that a resignation should be brought about in the natural order of college administration, thus eliminating a difficult legal problem that might be fought out in the courts for months.

BOARD TO PASS ON BILLS

Bills and payrolls will be the order of the session at the meeting of the board of supervisors tonight. Bids for supplies for the first six months of the new year will also be received. The board will probably decide to hold a special meeting Sunday to make up the budget. The session will wind up by the mayor extending to the board members an invitation to be present at the public ball New Year's Eve in front of the Young Hotel.

WAR AND THE RAILROADS
IN
SATURDAY'S PAPER
Tomorrow's financial page will contain a especially timely article on the government's plans for operating the railroads on a war basis, begun at noon today, as told in telegraphic despatches.

What this epoch-making move means will be the subject of a special article tomorrow.

THOUSANDS ARE MADE HOMELESS

Earthquake in Central American Republic Destroys Much of Capital City; No Foreigners Reported Hurt

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—News was received here today that a series of earthquake shocks have done widespread damage in Guatemala. Portions of Guatemala City have been destroyed. At 6 o'clock last night the tremors were reported as still continuing, with the destruction unabated. Thousands have been rendered homeless, their domiciles being completely wrecked. Late reports indicate that Americans and other foreign residents are safe.

Army Will Commandeer Army Goods

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 28.—Army authorities here are today taking an inventory of all army and uniform material in the Chicago district, preparatory to its commandeering by the government. Capt. Zimmerman, who is directing the work, estimates that a million dollars' worth will be inventoried. The government has announced that it will pay reasonable prices for the goods commandeered.

NAMED TO TAKE TESTIMONY IN HON. OIL SUIT

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—Frank Laning, registrar of the United States land office at Visalia, Cal., has been appointed to hear evidence in the disposition suit against Honolulu Consolidated Oil Company in the Midway fields.

Honolulu Consolidated Oil stock wobbled slightly on the local exchange and though 500 shares were sold at \$3.90, the bid price dropped from \$3.90 to \$3.75 following a rumor that the stock had dropped to \$3.45 on the San Francisco exchange. Word that Frank Laning, registrar of the United States land office at Visalia, had been appointed to hear the evidence to be presented at the trial of the government's disposition suit in Los Angeles against the Honolulu Consolidated Oil company is believed to have had some effect on the San Francisco market. The hearing began on December 17 when the company asked that the governmental suit be thrown out.

It is believed here that Mr. Laning has been sent into the fields with a view to seeing if he can unearth any evidence that has been previously overlooked. Local stockholders are unable to say as to the light in which Laning's appointment should be viewed, whether favorable or unfavorable. The opinion of the local stockholders is to sit tight and wait until the senate or the house takes some action in Washington, D. C.

PACIFIC SHAREHOLDERS INDORE REDEMPTION OF \$500,000 IN BONDS

The shareholders of the Pacific Sugar Mill Company, at a meeting this morning, approved the action of the board of directors in redeeming \$500,000 worth of 6 per cent bonds and issuing in place thereof a mortgage for \$250,000 at 5 per cent in 14 notes with values ranging from \$2000 to \$56,000. The transaction was made through the Bishop Trust Company, and will result in an annual saving of \$17,500 in interest to the company.

COLD IN DULUTH

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 28.—The temperature today reached the unusually low figure of 32 degrees below zero.

COLDER IN EVELETH

EVELETH, Minn., Dec. 28.—The thermometer here registers 42 below.

RUSSIAN COLLAPSE WILL NOT HALT ENTENTE GROUP; BRITAIN AND FRANCE SCORN HUN TRICK

Lloyd George Declares Allies are Fighting For Purposes Essential to Future Peace—Bolshevik Try Another Tack

Despatches from European capitals today show that the Allies are rejecting without serious consideration the so-called "peace offers" of Germany made just before Christmas in the form of tentative proposals that peace be talked over. A despatch from Petrograd shows that the Bolsheviks will try another tack in an effort to get the Allies involved in peace discussions.

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
PARIS, France, Dec. 28.—An emphatic answer and a scornful rejection of Germany's peace suggestions was made today in the chamber of deputies by Foreign Minister Pichon. Minister Pichon declared that France will not accept any peace based on pre-war conditions, thus rejecting what is understood to be Germany's basis for negotiations.

He declared also that Germany is endeavoring to involve the Bolshevik faction of Russia in negotiations, but that the war will continue, regardless of whether or not Germany and Russia consummate a peace proposal.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 28.—Premier Lloyd George has written to a labor conference a letter which is regarded as a rejection of any peace discussion with Germany now, the reason being that Germany will not discuss any peace except one that will be to her advantage. In his letter he said that the achievement of the purposes for which the Allies are fighting is essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind.

The premier points out also that any restatement of the war aims by the British government is possible only by agreement with the Allies.

This is regarded as the British reply to the German peace offers and possibly the only reply that will be made.

ISHII MAY BE AMBASSADOR TO AMERICA

Post is Left Vacant By Resignation of Y. Sato; Uriu Also Mentioned

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 28.—Y. Sato, Japanese ambassador to the United States, has resigned. Viscount Ishii, who recently was at the head of the Japanese war commission to the United States, is considered the most logical candidate to succeed Ambassador Sato.

The name of Admiral S. Uriu, former vice president of the Japanese commission to the San Francisco exposition, is also being backed for the post by his friends. Viscount Ishii made many friends during his recent trip to America, and it is thought that he will be named.

Liberty Loan Swindler Gets 3 Years' Term

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Elber Dwiggin, who was convicted of defrauding Liberty Loan investors, was today sentenced to three years in the Atlanta federal penitentiary. The U. S. attorney told the court that 7000 people had suffered through Dwiggin's operations, most of the losses being small.

FILIPINO GAMBLER IS GIVEN SIX MONTHS

Six months in jail for gambling is the sentence imposed this morning in police court by Judge Harry Irwin on Alonzo Valentino, Filipino. Valentino admitted on the witness stand that he was a professional gambler.

According to the testimony, Valentino, with another Filipino, who is believed by the police to be his partner, were conducting a three-card monte game in Twelfth. Several soldiers of the 25th Infantry were drawn into it, but one, Corporal Smith, said he saw a crooked move made and forced the gamblers to return the money lost. Shortly afterwards Valentino was seen with a large cane knife, evidently on the warpath, which resulted in his arrest by Captain McDuffie. When searched two sets of dice, one straight and one crooked, were found upon him.

PEACE DELEGATES TAKING A RECESS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 28.—The peace delegates who have been at Brest-Litovsk have agreed to take a recess and will not resume negotiations until January 4. The place where the conferences will then be held is not determined.

It is reported that Trotsky is drafting a new note to the Entente powers asking them to participate in the negotiations.

URGES JAPANESE TO HELP U. S. IN WAR

An appeal to the Japanese laborers of Hawaii to do nothing which will in any way injure or delay the United States in the prosecution of the war against Germany has been made by Captain Morimoto, commander of one of the Japanese patrol ships.

Captain Morimoto has recently visited all the islands, during which he investigated the labor question, and in thanking the Japanese for their hospitality cautioned them to be careful of what they did. He also advised them to cooperate in every way possible with the American government and to adjust their differences in a way which will bring about the least trouble.

"Y" BEACH HOUSE PARTY

Members of the Monday and Thursday gymnasium classes of the Y. W. C. A. will hold a party at the Beach House this evening. Tennis will be first played and then the members will take a swim at the beach. This will be followed by a chowder party, and music will be one of the features of the evening.

It is expected that the pool at the beach will be dredged by the first of the year, which will give the members an ideal bathing site. With the dredging completed and the tennis courts placed in excellent shape, the prospects are bright for a good season of athletics next year.

NO MAIL OUT TODAY

Because the steamer in port is a seven day boat there will be no mail sent to the coast by her. The next mail will go out some time tomorrow.